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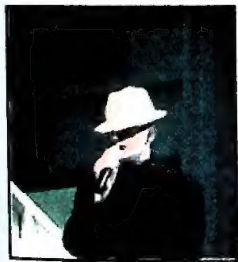
This Irish singer  
Damien Rice sounds  
as good as he looks.

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team rivalries get  
serious on campus.

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Clarke grad Matt  
Zelle discusses life  
in his glamorous  
real world.

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## weather



inflate the beach balls,  
& head to the pool!

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low **24**



A bald eagle soars above the Mississippi River earlier this week. photo by holly boche

## Thefts increase on campus

mishereen ellis  
staff writer

There's a rat on Clarke's campus, and no, it's not the little furry creature with a long tail. This rat is of the human species. Someone or some people have been stealing from Clarke students.

Some students have reported stolen items from their rooms and, of all places, their laundry. Yes, that's right! Someone has been going into the dryer and picking out clothes they like as if they were shopping at a mall.

Sophomore Carletta Cowans is one of the victims of laundry theft. She said she went to the laundry room one day to check on her clothes and realized that her "cute green Express hoody jacket" was missing.

"I was so sad that my jacket was gone, and I was even more saddened by the fact that someone would go that far and steal," said Cowans. "I use to think it was funny when I saw students sitting in the laundry room with their laundry, but now it's sad to say that it's almost necessary."

**"Laundry theft is the students' responsibility. It's unfortunate that this is happening. It's just a sad fact of life."**

john swanton

Another Clarke sophomore who was a victim of laundry theft is Valeria Howe. Howe, who lives in the apartments, said she had a pair of brand new pants stolen two weeks ago out of the machine after only having them for seven hours. "I was so very upset because I only had them for a few hours. If they weren't new maybe it wouldn't be so bad, but they were



Don't leave your laundry  
unattended!

photo by andrea ternes

my new jeans," said Howe. She immediately contacted Campus Security.

Howe feels it's ridiculous that college students are committing the thefts. "According to the security it had to have been someone in the apartments because no one else can really get in randomly," said Howe.

"I think Clarke should be responsible for the stolen items because there aren't any signs posted saying that they are not responsible, and if they don't want

to be, then they should post signs," she said.

Sophomore Audrey Swanson had money stolen from her room about a week ago. She, however, did not report it to security. "I could not believe someone just went in my room and stole my money like that," said Swanson. "I was not only shocked, but also very disgusted by it."

Director of Campus Security John Swanton said, "Laundry theft is the students' responsibility. It's unfortunate that this is happening. It's just a sad fact of life."

One solution was suggested by Howe to alleviate the problem of laundry theft is to have some sort of entertainment in the laundry room for students so they can stay around and watch their laundry. As for room thefts, it's best that everyone lock their doors at all times, no matter where they are going.

## Professor recovers from fire loss

Clarke computer science professor Michael Schuldes says he is recovering from the loss of his house in a fire Wednesday, March 24.

Schuldes says he was lucky about

two things: He had some clothes at the cleaners so he now has things to



Michael Schuldes.  
photo by holly boche

wear and he was at Molly's Pub at the time of the fire.

Schuldes, who came to Clarke from the University of the Dakotas in January, came home at 9:30 p.m. to find his house at 12863 Whispering Ridge in flames.

"I would especially like to thank computer science chair Sheila Castaneda for inviting me to hear her husband perform at Molly's that night," Schuldes said.

"Had I not been there, I would have been at home and most likely would not be here right now. It was a miracle, plain and simple."

Schuldes' wife Chris has not yet moved to Dubuque, and no one was hurt in the fire.

All of Schuldes' personal belongings—his thesis, photos—even his 2005 tax return—were lost.

Investigators say the fire was probably caused by an older electrical outlet and wiring in the basement.

Schuldes is temporarily living at a house owned by English professor Katherine Fischer.

His house was insured and he and his wife are planning on rebuilding. His living expenses in the meantime will be covered by insurance also.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to members of the Clarke faculty, staff, students and extended 'family' who offered their prayers and support," said Schuldes. "I was truly overwhelmed by the immediate offers of help."



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## Letter to the editors

This is in response to the article regarding the Human Rights Commission's failed effort to add sexual orientation to Dubuque's non-discrimination code. In the article, Karen Glover, assistant professor of chemistry, said that the ordinance change would have protected a specific type of sexual behavior and made homosexual adoption more accessible. Dr. Glover also cited the Catechism of the Catholic Church that calls homosexuals to chastity. I have differing views.

Denying people equal opportunities at housing, jobs, education, and public accommodation based solely on their sexual orientation is unreasonable. I am not religious; I don't understand the authority of Catholics to demand that homosexuals be celibate and then deny them equal rights if they don't obey. It saddens me to hear this kind of repressive mentality from a respectable institution.

Furthermore, using sexual orientation as a litmus test for

parenting ability is illogical. Someone who is homosexual has the same capability as a heterosexual to provide for and love a child. In 2002, there were 126,000 children in the United States waiting to be adopted and millions more in other countries. These children deserve to be part of a family rather than left as orphans.

Dr. Glover also mentioned that we wouldn't need these ordinances if we'd all love each other like God intended. I completely agree; however, we are living in a reality where people don't love each other. Not supporting this ordinance sends the message that homosexuals don't need protection, which enables discrimination.

The Catholic faith should put more emphasis on embracing human similarities rather than degrading human differences.

—Mary Gassman

Junior Social Work major

Dubuque Human Rights sub-committee member

## Clarke nursing students experience the Bahamas

Over spring break, 13 senior nursing students and three nursing department instructors traveled to the Bahamas as part of a service trip to visit hospitals, clinics and orphanages and to learn more about the health care system of the area.

Picture at right: The Clarke nursing students along with nursing students at the School of Nursing in the Bahamas.



photo contributed by kristin gilles

## Nursing department accredited for 6 more years

monica loan  
editor

The Iowa Board of Nursing (IBON) recently announced that Clarke's Nursing department has been accredited for six more years.

The Nursing program was in its last year of the approval cycle this school year and had to undergo the process to become accredited again. The maximum number of years for accreditation is six.

Every Nursing program in Iowa must be approved by IBON in order to offer a program. Nursing Department Chair Kay Frommelt said Clarke has always been accredited.

She said the nursing department did an entire self-study to review whether the department was meeting all of the accreditation guidelines for the state.

In October the department was visited by two members of IBON. The members reviewed all of the nursing programs including the undergraduate BSN program, the RN to BSN program and the graduate MSN program. Frommelt said all of the programs were given the full accreditation of six years.



"Courier" editors Meghan Hackett and Monica Loan try to get some info out of a notably silent member of the art department stationed on the first floor of Eliza Kelly Hall in recent weeks. We tried to get some goods on Mr. ArtMan, however, he was not very cooperative. Better luck next time? But where did he go...

## Should athletes be paid?

hiraman byrd  
staff writer

In my five years of college, I have had the opportunity to play Division I basketball at Norfolk State University, a Mid Eastern Atlantic Conference college, as well as division III basketball here at Clarke College. I have found that being an athlete on these different levels can have you wondering if a college athlete should be paid. In my experience of playing basketball for a division I team, I found that basketball became a job because your day started at 5 a.m. in the morning and ended at 10 p.m. In Division III the approach is a little different because you don't get full scholarships, but grades are much more important to make for a future job in the real world.

There are many people who do not know what college athletes go through during a season, which normally consists of extensive weight lifting, strenuous practicing, sacrificing your free time, having the pressure put on you to perform in every game as well as regular season games and still managing to maintain competitive grades in the classroom.

Whether you're competing in division I, II, III, or an NAIA athletic program, it can be exhausting with the coach's requirements of their athletes to perform whether on scholarship or not. When I say "paid" I do not mean a salary, but at least money for athletes to wash clothes. If you are a scholarship player you should have your athletic fee waived, food to eat over the break when most students are gone on holidays and during the year, and help to get an athlete home when he or she lives far from home.

Sam Murley, a junior basketball player at Clarke, said he would love it for athletes to get paid because we generate much money to the school through jerseys, concessions, merchandise to support your team and we don't get anything because we fund raise for money to go on long road trips. We also get off the road at 2 or 3 in the morning and have to go to that 8 a.m. class or we will get in trouble with Coach."

Grant Cirks, a junior basketball player, took a different approach, saying "Athletes should not be paid because we work hard but at this level it is for the love of the game; your college degree is irreplaceable."

Former North Carolina Coach Dean Smith recently shared his opinion on BET (Black Entertainment Television) saying "Athletes should be paid for their service to their school; their education is their reimbursement. However, they should be given enough money to cover incidentals and living expenses."

I agree with this opinion and hope it will be considered by coaches, sports analysts, politicians and sports fans debating the issue.

## Correction

The "Courier" staff would like to correct some information that appeared in the article on Clarke softball in the March 11 issue. The Clarke 2004 softball team actually placed 2nd in the NIIC conference and placed 1st in the NIIC conference tournament. The 2004 team ended with an overall record of 23 wins. It was the 2003 season that the softball team earned the conference championship and had a record setting 27 wins.

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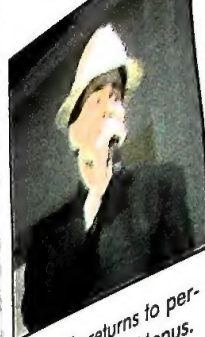
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# CAMPUS LIFE

## Clarke grad finds dream job in New York

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the audience. He says he chose "Luck be a lady," because it is an up-tempo showstopper.

While he was back, Zelle visited his old dorm rooms in Mary Jo and Mary Fran. "It's kind of weird, but it's exciting to be back," he said.

While at Clarke, Zelle majored in music and minored in business and studied voice under the direction of John Lease for four years. He says the things that he learned at Clarke that have proved to be most useful are responsibility and the ability to multi-task.

Multi-tasking is a must for Zelle to maintain his job. Some of his duties include running artist tours, writing contracts and negotiations for artists and booking hotels and make-up artists. Zelle said he is constantly working on a different project and being a music major helped him learn how to balance everything. He said while he was studying voice he might have been working on 10 different songs at the same time.

While 10 songs at once may seem like a lot to many, Zelle said professionals are always working on new pieces.

Before going to IMG Artists Zelle started off at Columbia Artists. While at Columbia Artists, Zelle worked with renowned opera singer Denyse

Graves, who is perhaps best known for her performance of "America the Beautiful" at Washington's National Cathedral for the national prayer service after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Zelle started working with Graves shortly after her performance at the National Cathedral. "It was an adventure," Zelle said. "Everyone wanted her." Zelle said Graves is currently working on a piece from "Margaret Garner" a new opera about slavery by Toni Morrison.

If a student is aspiring to sing opera professionally, Zelle said it is important to get internships and get involved in young artist programs and summer festivals. "If they are good, they will get noticed," he said. "Musicians don't come to us, we go to them."



Zelle also said persistence pays off. He knows of someone who auditioned 60 times before making it into a Broadway chorus.

According to Zelle, many of the same things hold true for students wanting to break into the music business world. Zelle says it is important for students to get internships. "It's really about experience," he said. While he was in college Zelle worked for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra and had a summer internship at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. He worked in the Opera House Orchestra and Classical Music Division of the organization. Zelle said students should be persistent, send a resume, make a follow up call and be sure to say thank you for looking at their qualifications. He said people notice small things such as saying thank you.

Zelle is currently working with Flutist, James Galway; the Emerson String Quartet; King's Singers; soprano, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, and Joshua Bell, Grammy Award winning violinist.

Currently, Zelle was promoted to managerial associate in the instrumental/conductors division at IMG Artists. In the future, he says he would like to manage his own roster of artists.

## Shakin' Not Stirred

one college girl's life on the rocks

lindsay cross  
arts etc. editor

Olivia Drake, Assistant to an Executive Project Manager of the IT department of Allied, a Nationwide company. Has a nice little ring to it doesn't it? It sounds so professional, so illustrious...my gosh, it almost makes me sound important...I think. I don't actually understand what the title means (pessimistic bets are on "low-life, bottom of the totem pole college intern"), what having this title will involve (lots of coffee fetching, brown nosing and tedious work that nobody, not even the crazy guy in the mail room, wants to do), or for that matter what the IT department is. All I know is that I have a job for the summer and it pays money, real money, the kind that I haven't seen since going to college.

You see, I'm broke, not just "I can't afford those really great stilettos until they are at least 20 percent off" broke. I am "I can't even afford a 50 cent bottle at Bricktown" broke. It's the end of the year and my funds are almost gone. Fortunately, I know I'm not the only one, which is why I have a come up with a few moneymaking plans.

*Disclaimer: Any of the ideas below are not recommended for actual use, or at least without serious thought. If you do use one and get caught, remember you did not get the idea from me; in fact, this column never existed. Blame it on another one, ummm say for instance Tim Brechlin's column (everyone knows he's a good kid; they would never suspect a thing). Do NOT under any circumstance involve me; I do not need the cops after me...again.*

**PLAN 1:** Have a garage sale. Not of your own stuff, though; that would be silly. I mean seriously why would you sell your favorite hard-earned possessions? Instead, sell off your roommate, friend, or enemy's goods; just make sure they are at class. I have found from previous experience that your sales greatly increase if you have your sale on the elevator. This way you can expand your market to different floors and customers; variety is always good in the sales industry. It is also a strategic defensive move, if the "donor" returns from class, the elevator has an alarm.

**PLAN 2:** Set up a lemonade stand on campus. Now, I'm not talking just any lemonade stand, I'm talking a lemonade flavored jell-o shot stand. I'm sure you are thinking, "Olivia, I'm not licensed to sell liquor". Well, I have a plan to get around this minor detail. Instead of using cheap vodka, say for instance Hawkeye or Phillips, go one step up and use rubbing alcohol. Try setting up anytime after 8 a.m. (I'm sure it's 5 o'clock somewhere) and catch the early morning students who need a little "kick" before class.

**PLAN 3:** This requires some planning ahead and won't work this late in the game, but it's worth mentioning (it's paid for my very extensive clothing and shoe wardrobe...for three years-impressive). When the semester starts and you happen to be lucky enough to split the cost of books with your parents, rip them off. Yes, this sounds horrible, but they are your parents and they will love you no matter what (this is my hope in case mine ever find out). Go to the bookstore, find out what the cost of all your books are, add \$100 to the total. Report this sum back to your parents as the money that you spent and get your reimbursement. Then, you take this money and only buy half the books (split the rest with a friend) and you keep the rest for yourself. You may feel guilty for the first semester or so, but by your sixth semester you will feel fine, trust me.

**PLAN 4:** When in doubt (or when the other plans have you in serious trouble, possibly probation), sell plasma. Take your little tushie down to the Plasma Center, bring a book and pump away. Yes, after a month of doing this your arms look like those of a druggies, but you will be \$100 richer and that is all that matters, right?

## Random Fact~

Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of the day.

## Hot

Cute Matt Hinz

Nursing

Men's basketball

A summer job

Paying full price for a bottle of beer at Btown

Sam Murley's new camero

## Hotter

Stunning Casey Kohr

Communication

Men's tennis

A summer internship

Paying \$.50 for a bottle on Wed. at Btown

My 1993 Dy-NASTY

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# 10 Stupid Questions featuring Brian Stith

by andrea ternes/photographer

**1/How did it feel to be homecoming king here at Clarke?**

I felt like I was on top of the world, even though I was the only senior at the dance.

**2/What kind of milk does your body good?**

2 percent, I gotta get my money's worth!

**3/Would you mind if we put your car on "Pimp My Ride"?**

I need to put my car on "Pimp My Ride", no questions, no doubt about it!

**4/What is your least favorite word?**

Failure!

**6/Do you think that fish ever get thirsty?**

Of course not; they always have water around them!

**7/What are you involved in here at Clarke?**

Soccer, tennis and College Democrats

**8/What is your middle name?**

Paul.

**9/What is your favorite flower?**

Daisies and tulips.

**10/Do you wear your sunglasses at night?**

Only if you do!



## Love is on the line at Clarke

meghan hackett  
editor

Love is not easy. The beginning of any new relationship can cause a person to experience a whirlwind of emotions ranging from giddy and hopeful to fearful and anxious. In "Love Lines," a musical play, the proverbial love story becomes even more complicated when the two romantic hopefuls' childhood histories become an issue.

The play will be performed April 1 and 2 in Jansen Music Hall at 7:30 p.m., written by husband and wife team Robert and Pam Kress Dunn, both of Dubuque, takes the audience on the journey of two young adults named Annie and Johnny who are trying to get on with their lives despite their childhood traumas. Suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, Annie and Johnny live in a world of heightened awareness and over sensitivity. Through it all, they want to be loved.

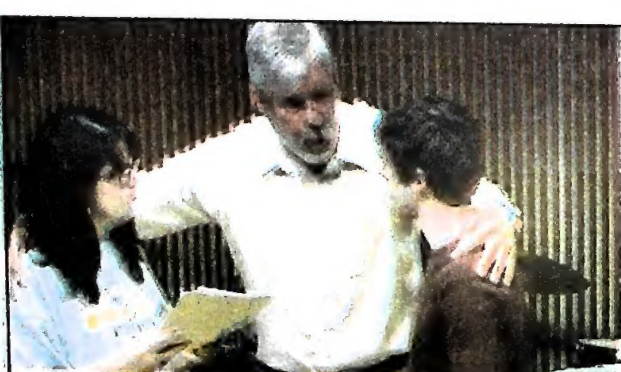
"Love is complicated," said Robert Dunn. "It's twice complicated when people come in with emotional baggage."

Annie and Johnny are constantly on guard and seek the answers for the seemingly simple questions "Am I safe?"

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Am I loved? Am I cared for?"

"The play isn't meant to shake anyone," Robert Dunn said. "Hopefully it



Actors rehearse "Love Lines" to be performed at Clarke this weekend.  
photo by rohan lindsay

will let people know the challenges of post traumatic stress disorder and how you deal with it."

Dunn, head of Behavioral Sciences at Loras College, spent 30 years working as a psychotherapist and received much of his inspiration for the play from the clients he helped.

In addition to writing the play, Dunn composed over a dozen love ballads for the play, including two new numbers that were not a part of the score six years ago when the play was first performed. Music is a big part of the play, said Dunn. The music follows the progression of the relationship between

the two characters. It starts out following how people are attracted to each other, then covers the dark moments and finally builds to optimism.

"Music is an added character," said Dunn. "It sets the tone and helps tell the story. All the songs talk about love-the challenges, the anxiety, the moments of despair."

While being in love can bring about moments that make you want to crawl into a closet and never come out, Dunn said the play ultimately seeks to inspire optimism.

"Love is about hanging in there," Dunn said. "There's a tendency to run away when crap hits the fan."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at Jansen Music Hall the night of the show or by calling 563-588-7564.

### 50 Cent's latest disappoints

Jamaica Queens, New York gangsta rapper, 50 Cent has been making a big fuss in the hip-hop world these past few months. He has also put a huge dent in the "Billboard" charts. In the first four days after the release of his sophomore album, "The Massacre," he sold a massive 1.1 million copies. According to the music sales tracking company Nielsen SoundScan history, he has the sixth highest album sales ever in first-week sellers.



photo from amazon.com

50 Cent also made chart history with his three singles "Disco Inferno," "Candy Shop," and "How We Do" from Games's album "The Documentary." He was named the first solo artist to have three singles in the Billboard's top five in the same week.

With all the controversy surrounding 50's album, his short-lived beef with fellow G-Unit member The Game and his verbal attacks against some well-respected rap moguls, opinions differ about him living up to his expectations.

"I like the CD," said Clarke sophomore Jessica Macomber. "I listen to it all the time and I take it back forth with me from my room to my car."

The album has a track called "Piggy Bank," in which 50 disses Fat Joe, Jadakiss, Nas and his wife Kelis. Some view this as a way for him to hype up his sales and cover up his inability to deliver like he did on his previous album "Get Rich or Die Tryin'."

"I don't really like 'The Massacre,'" said Clarke sophomore Brett Rivers. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" was way better. It had better songs and better beats."

While some people are disappointed with 50's delivery on the mic, others are bopping their heads to his club bangers "Disco Inferno" and "Candy Shop." They have a more laid back catchy tune and lyrics that do not focus on his gangsta mentality. Well maybe they do, but everyone is too busy dancing to the beat that they don't even hear the lyrics. Personally, I think 50's "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" had a better selection of songs. It packed way more energy. Some of the tracks on "The Massacre" are so mellow and sleepy. By the end of "Gatman and Robbin," my head was throbbing from the beat. Don't get me wrong, 50 Cent is a great artist, but with the exception of a few songs, the particular CD did not do much for me.

Despite all the drama and negative reviews, someone still loves the 50 Cent mania because his album sales continue to rise and he keeps dominating the charts. He has also been appearing all over television promoting "The Massacre." "Controversy really does sell."



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new Kidz Bop 7 compilati  
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"Come now, we have all  
learned the real meaning of  
"This Love" by Maroon 5,  
and we have moved on from  
there. Just promise me that  
you will look over the lyrical  
content of these songs  
beforehand. Children sing and  
listen to these songs for

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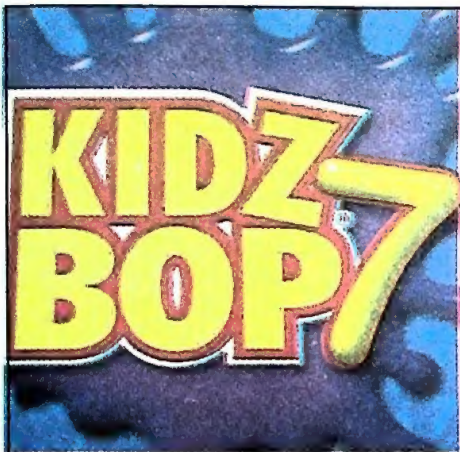
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we think we can help. >

## the elitist the elitist

LISTEN TO: American Music Club-Love Songs For Patriots \* Iron And Wine-Woman King EP \* The Decemberists-Picaresque \* The Arcade Fire-Funeral \* Tin Hat Trio-The Rodeo Eroded



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colin muenster  
web editor

**Setting:** A board meeting.  
**Objective:** Compiling the new Kidz Bop 7 compilation album.

"Hello everybody, lets get down to business shall we? I'll begin with the usual congratulations to our production staff on a wonderful Kidz Bop Volume 6. I can't believe the wild success a simple chorus of overexcited small children singing ear-splitting renditions of popular songs would have had, and certainly did not expect it to become what it has today. Regardless, you have really outdone yourselves, and I look forward to this latest project immensely. Now, moving on to business, how are we looking for our most ambitious compilation to date?"

"Well sir, everything looks fantastic. For starters, we have compiled the usual list of inoffensive worn out rock clichés to grace the Billboard top 100. I'm especially excited to see what we can do to the Counting Crows lovable hit 'Accidentally In Love.' I don't expect any complaints arising from concerned parents about this...song."

"Come now, we have all learned the real meaning of 'This Love' by Maroon 5, and we have moved on from there. Just promise me that you will look over the lyrical content of these songs beforehand. Children sing and listen to these songs for

Christ's sake!"

"I'm sorry sir. The problem has already been fixed. Instead of 'My pressure on her hips / sinking my fingertips in to every inch of you' we have used their radio and kid friendly 'My heart is full and my door is always open / you can come anytime you want' of 'She Will be loved' by Maroon 5. They have already agreed to the project, and we are currently searching for a goofy and inoffensive-sounding male vocalist of the same tonal quality, voice and lack of respect for anything musically decent for this, and the rest of the songs we are currently working on."

Phone Rings

"I'm sorry, excuse me for a second...Hello? Yes! Tell those kidz that they sing for what they eat! If they refuse to sing, then they can starve! And who let them out of their cages at this time of day anyways!"

Hangs up

"I'm sorry, where were we?"  
"The malicious destruction of all that was good and sacred?"

"Right. Speaking of contempt for musical talent, have we talked to this band called Simple Plan? Their girl-obsessed faux poetry would really speak to these prepubescent little tikes."

"Don't worry sir, we are 10 steps ahead of you. Recording is already in progress."

"Have we included the usual dance and pop numbers by our favorite R&B artists?"

"Are you kidding? The Black Eyed Peas couldn't say 'yes' fast enough! Of course, we are having some minor problems, the girls of Destiny's Child are threatening legal action unless we include 'Lose My Breath.'"

"Them again! Now listen, I didn't mind 'Survivor' but they lack consistency and the cohesiveness to form any sort of fresh pop hit...on second thought, lets give it a shot."

"I'll have the song done by the end of the week."

"Nice work. Now, looking at some of these proposed songs, I came across this Modest Mouse and quite frankly, I was flummoxed. You have never failed to bring me the most overplayed, overrated and deliciously inoffensive songs since we have started this phenomenon, but this 'Float On' is sadly your worst idea to date."

"Think about it sir. A fresh new band, coming from meager independent roots to bring us the breath of fresh air we are looking for. Creative guitar work, thought provoking lyrical content and inspiration to boot, this band has just what we at Kidz Bop are looking for!"

"You're fired."

kevin krein  
contributor

When I look at the Billboard album charts, I become concerned about the state of American music. I see the top spots riddled with rap and country and disposable talent contest winners filling in the spaces between. I become even more concerned when I look at the Billboard Independent Album charts, where just because he is not on one of the major labels, Lil' Jon is number one. Yeah. Okay. What?

In this sorry state of affairs, it's time to look elsewhere for good music. We could look to England, which has a fairly good track record of producing things worthwhile (America has a good track record of just ripping all of them off). Lately, it seems we have to go to Ireland to find anything worth listening to. One thing we do have to forgive Ireland for is U2. (Hey, remind me later to put an American flag in my jacket and run around the track in the Kehl Center while my guitarist plays the same muted chord he's been playing for over twenty years. The bassist and drummer? Oh, they get away with whatever they want, since no one remembers who they are.)

Ireland has been the recent hot spot for music so tighten up your hemp necklace and get ready to hop on the bandwagon. While the Irish album charts seem to reflect some of the problems we have here, like 50 Cent having a number one album. That makes me wonder if in Ireland you have to do currency conversion and his name changes to .37 Euros. Not everything excellent sells over there either. There's relatively unknown singer/songwriter Adrian Crowley. He sounds a bit like Coldplay, if they would care about their music rather than impregnating actresses and trying to make trade fair. A great example of Crowley's wit: "Come play on my emotional playground/toy with my mood swings." Genius? Need you ask, laddy?

The two most important things coming out of Ireland at the moment are Damien Rice and The Frames. Rice has been gaining popularity in this country since 2003, when his untouchable first album "O" was exported to the states. The Frames have been slowly building a fan base for the past 10 years. They're huge in their homeland, even rivaling U2 at times. In 2001, they recorded For The Birds, an album that redefines the term masterpiece. They toured incessantly behind it, opening up for Damien Rice last spring, hopefully earning a whole new fan base.

"You have to listen to me. I'm a music snob so I know what I'm talking about."

In September, The Frames released their fifth studio album "Burn The Maps." It was just released here and hopefully everyone can put down their Dave Matthews and O.A.R. records for a few minutes and pick up something with some depth. The Frames brood their way through the albums 12 tracks, and the latter half of this effort is when things really come together. Front man Glen Hansard begins to clearly tell his tale of love gone wrong and a hope for reconciliation. The incessant rhythm and utterly profound lyrics of "Sideways Down" will astound you; meanwhile the mournful and tasteful strings added by violinist Colm Mac Con Iomaire will haunt you. And don't worry, these are strings for a reason, and that reason is not to have a 17 minute jam with the saxophone player, or to be poorly mixed in over faux-poetry set to bad rock while a lead singer shouts out "If I could find you now things would get better! What is the reason? The reason is you."

The Frames find some kind of resolution at the end of "Burn The Maps." On the closing track "Locusts" Hansard quietly strums an acoustic guitar and sings the chorus "I'm moving on/I'm packing up/I'm willing to be wrong" while bells, strings and a piano float gently in the background, along with some beautiful backing vocals by Lisa Hannigan from Damien Rice's band.

"Burn The Maps" is good, but their previous effort, For The Birds, is superior. If you're looking for a starting point, start there, along with Rice's "O." These albums will decimate you emotionally, but leave you begging for more. You have to listen to me. I'm a music snob, so I know what I'm talking about.



Damien Rice. photo from damienrice.com

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## The quarter-life crisis: Are you having one?

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**H**ave you ever compared your life to eating a can of soup? If you are going through a quarter-life crisis, the comparison is easy. Instead of opening the can and eating the soup, you actually stop, look at the label, add some things, mix it up and then eat it. Lorie Murphy-Freebolin, director of Clarke Counseling Center offered this comparison.

There are many questions one would ask themselves when going through what the Clarke College Counseling Center has come to call their own version of a quarter-life crisis: What is the meaning of life? Who am I? What are my values and how have they changed? What path is my spiritual life taking me down? How do I know when and if I'm a competent adult?

When you hear the word "crisis" you probably begin to wonder how you can avoid it. Murphy-Freebolin said this is one kind of crisis you don't want to avoid. "Don't avoid it, embrace it and be excited about exploring your paths," she said. "Don't be afraid to question what we think we believe and make changes if they seem necessary."

Being in a college setting often challenges students to ask them-

selves these types of questions. However, this doesn't mean you have to attend college to have a quarter-life crisis. According to Murphy-Freebolin, most people will reach this point in life with or without college.

"Everyone has their own time



Lorie Murphy-Freebolin, director of Clarke Counseling Center.  
photo by holly boche

frame for finding peace with some degree of uncertainty in life," said Murphy-Freebolin. She said feeling uncertain can be unsettling for awhile but eventually some questions get answered. However, some ideas about life will be questioned all throughout life.

Murphy-Freebolin said not only does Clarke allow these questions to be raised, it has many resources to help students get important questions answered in order to embrace and enjoy this time in their lives. Some of these resources include academic departments, Multicultural Student Services, Residence Life and Career Services which expose students to different value systems and help students evaluate life.

According to Murphy-Freebolin, a common sign that a student is going through a quarter-life crisis is when one is outgrowing his or her friends. They've questioned the validity of decisions that were easily made before and their value system. They have come to realize that their values don't match up with those of their friends. "Over time a student may begin to realize that the usual old friends and activities no longer bring the same degree of satisfaction," she said. "They begin searching for something new." With this search, people start examining their soup label, adding things to the soup, mixing it up and when they find a level of peace, they can finally eat it.

## TAG team gets the word out about Clarke

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**"G**ong," is the sound that leaves students in awe as they walk past Clarke's Lead Center near the Atrium Conference Room. Don't be alarmed: It's just the TAG team hard at work. The Telecounseling Admissions Group consists of 16 carefully chosen students who work at recruiting students for Clarke.

"It takes someone who loves Clarke College and wants to promote the school to be a TAG member," said admissions representative/TAG supervisor Scott Ellerbach.

"They have to be personable and want to help seniors with their college decisions."

For a TAG member a typical day consists of calling students all over the United States and Puerto Rico.

"I like talking to prospective students and helping them with their college decisions," said sophomore TAG member Jessica Macomber. "It is rewarding when they actually come here and you get to meet them and

make that connection all over again, but in person."

Some TAG members say that in the midst of giving information about Clarke or getting an application they get hit on or asked out on dates.

"One time a guy asked me to come to his house and watch the 'Simpsons' and eat candy corn," said sophomore TAG member Terri Rucker. "I told him that I was working, and he said 'Oh, I don't think that they would mind.'"

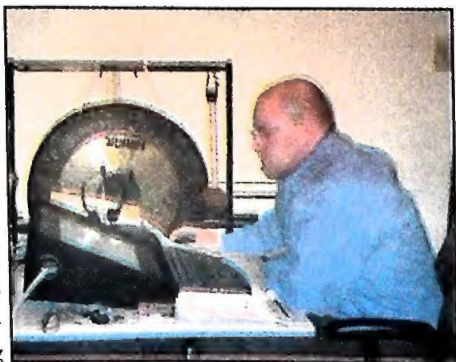
TAG members earn prizes ranging from parties, gift cards and cookie cakes for the student who gets the most applications. At the end of the year there is a picnic at Eagle Point Park.

Although TAG members are provided with a fun environment and the job is not all work and no play, they also have a mission.

"The mission is to increase the overall awareness of Clarke College among high school seniors and to get them to apply," said Ellerbach. "It helps admissions representatives with enrollment and the overall goal of the admissions office."

TAG played a huge part in bringing in 205 freshmen for this school year; the largest freshmen class in Clarke history. About 40-45 of those students applied through TAG.

"TAG has fun times," said Ellerbach. "It's not all about the calling. TAG is a great way for upperclassmen to show leadership to underclassmen and for freshmen to meet new people quicker."



Scott Ellerbach, admissions representative, waits to ring in a new Clarkie.  
photo by rohan lindsay

## April Fools': The origin of a prankster's holiday

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**O**nce every April we're all given a chance to act like court jesters and fools. We are granted immunity towards each other for a full 24 hours. We can pull pranks, jokes and whatever else all in the name of April Fools' Day. But why? Where did April Fools' Day originate?

Unlike most of the other non-foolish holidays, the history of April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn't a first April Fools' Day that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the New Year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration ended on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1.

Back then news traveled by foot, hence very slowly. Many people did not receive the news about the calendar change for several years. Others, the more stubborn crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1. These backward folk were labeled as "fools" by the general public. They were subject to some ridicule, and were often sent on "fools' errands" or were made the butt of other practical jokes.

Even though nowadays everyone is quite aware of the calendar

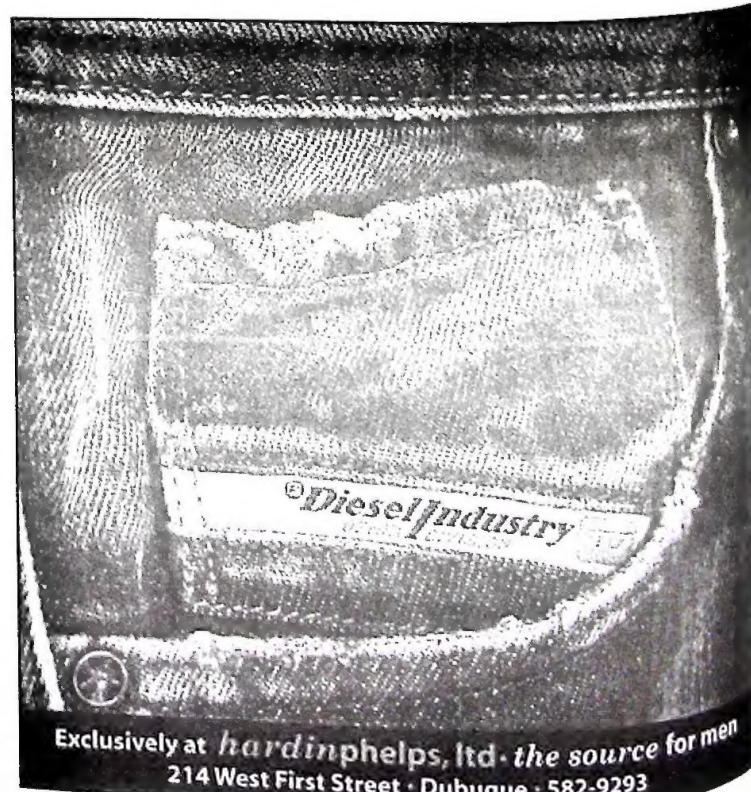
change, the tradition of April Fools' still remains strong. Senior psychology major Kelly Welch recounts one of her favorite April Fools' Day pranks. Welch said that when she was younger she taped down the handle on the water squirt of her sink. That way anytime anyone turned on the sink they got a blast of water all over them. "I was a little kid," said Welch. "It was fun back then."

Welch's prank is an example of one that only affects a small number of people. There have been pranks throughout history that have affected many more. For example, in 1996 the Taco Bell Corporation announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell from the federal government and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of angry people called up the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell is housed to express their anger. People only began to calm down when Taco Bell revealed that it was all a practical joke a few hours later.

"I think I remember hearing about that," said freshmen Alex Arasmith. "I was a little kid, but I remember people talking about that at school."

That's the main point of April Fools' Day. Even though people are expecting pranks, the "not knowing what kind of prank to expect" is the part that keeps nearly everyone on their toes; even if it's the whole country at times.

So this April Fools' Day be prepared. Keep a watchful eye, and try to maintain the upper hand. At the end of the day you don't want to be the one hearing, "Man! You just got punk'd!"



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## SPORTS

## 3 Clarke fanatics embody Tri-state rivalries

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There are always big rivals in sports. But in these parts, the big three are Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

At Clarke you can find three of the biggest fans of these schools. They watch every game together, and are usually yelling or fighting the entire season.

Senior Drew Larson said Wisconsin is better at everything, except for wrestling.

"What year was it that Iowa won back-to-back Rose Bowls?" he asked. "It was one year, one game that Iowa beat us, and I wouldn't hang my hat on that referring to this type of rivalry."

"I think the rivalry here on campus is bigger because pretty much everyone that goes to Clarke is from the Tri-state area," he said. "They all want to defend the state they are from. It's all a big competition."

Larson said that in the past few years on Wisconsin has been good in football and basketball.



Dan, Josh and Drew show their true colors.

photo by chris kleitsch

"Illinois has been alright at basketball and Iowa made some type of a run in football."

Let's talk Illinois. "Illinois has beaten both teams twice in basketball, and one victory ended Wisconsin's precious little home winning streak that they wouldn't stop talking about," said junior Josh Slattery.

Slattery said that Illinois has the best back court in the nation, and they're still improving. "Everyone wants to be known as the powerhouse of the Big Ten because the states are so close. And it's all about

bragging rights for the most of us."

Josh said that the quest for bragging rights culminated when Drew threw a bottle of water in junior Dan Wendler's face, and the two ended up outside wrestling over which team was better.

"When it comes to football, I basically look forward to the basketball season," said Slattery. "Illinois really doesn't have a strong football program."

"When you talk about football, Iowa is the pre-season number 2 in the nation," Wendler said. "Iowa had more wins than Wisconsin and Illinois com-

bined last year. Bottom line, we win championships."

Iowa claimed two Big Ten football titles and a basketball championship in the last four years, and the wrestling team won 21 national titles in the last 31 years. "They have the greatest fight song and victory cheer ever; in heaven there is no beer that's why we drink it here and when we're gone from here our friends will be drinking all our beer," said Wendler.

"Iowa doesn't lose at home, while Wisconsin can't keep a streak going," said Wendler. "Iowa also has the greatest fan base ever which is why over half the stadiums are filled with Iowa fans at bowl games; they have the best traveling fans in the nation."

## Confessions of the world's worst athlete

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I am a bench warmer and I am proud of it.

I've warmed the benches at many sporting events and never felt the urge to participate in the action.

I knew I was a horrible athlete when I was the last kid to be picked for kickball teams in gym class. Imagine a girly-girl with coke-bottle glasses trying to run and jump and catch and throw balls. I was that girl, and it just wasn't working out.

I've earned my place on the benches at sporting events as a spectator. Now I am the type of girl who'll watch a football game in its entirety with my fiancé and enjoy it. I'm the type of girl who'll drop everything to see a hockey, basketball or baseball game live and in person whether it be high school, college or professional. Just because I don't play, doesn't mean I can't enjoy.

According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, 40,000 athletes in 23 sports compete in NCAA championships a year. And the good news,

sports fans, is that you don't need to venture far to catch some NCAA heart-pounding action. The student-athletes at Clarke provide fans with enjoyment during their respective seasons.

Clarke athletics have given many bench warmers something to enjoy and get excited about because Clarke is in the running for the Northeast Iowa-Illinois Conference All-Sports Award. This award is given to the team with the best overall athletic programs, and will be decided after the spring sports. Clarke College won the award in 2000.

You don't need to have any conference titles to win this award, but it does lend a hand in the final decision. This past fall the women's cross country, soccer and tennis teams won their respective conference titles.

This season the men's basketball team boasted the best record in Clarke history, with an impressive 20-7 overall record and a 9-3 third place conference record. The women's basketball team played hard during the season and hold a 7-19 overall and 3-9 sixth

place conference record.

March Madness is almost over, and it's time to focus our attention on the Clarke softball and baseball teams. The softball team claimed the NIIC conference title in 2002-2003 and was the regional qualifier in 2004, and the team aspires towards another winning season. Last year Clarke's baseball team placed fifth in conference standings with a record of 13-27, and this year the team is sure to contribute a few adrenaline pumping moments to their games.

On game day, I replace my coke bottle glasses with contact lenses and display the home team insignia proudly across my chest. My uniform is a comfortable t-shirt and jeans. I yell like a banshee until I lose my voice and cheer my favorite team to victory whether it's the Clarke Crusaders or the Green Bay Packers. And if the game is televised, you can find me in front of the television set making bets with my fiancé, shoving my face full of popcorn and refueling with beer.

I look forward to the sports seasons as much as the athletes, even if the closest I get to the home court or field is the first row of benches.

CURVEBALL  
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If you haven't noticed, baseball's spring training games have been on TV for the last few weeks. And if you haven't checked a calendar, Opening Day is on April 4. And if you don't have Opening Day marked on your calendar...well, you and I are going to have to have a little talk.

But with the season just around the corner, there are several burning questions yet unanswered. Never fear, however. I'm here, and although I'm not a real baseball expert, I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night.

Will Boston repeat? As a long-suffering Cubs fan, two thoughts ran through my mind when the Red Sox finally ended their World Series drought. First: "Hey, good for you."

Second: "There are only a few constants in life: death, taxes, Vanilla Coke and Barry Bonds's ego."

thought may or may not have been punctuated with liberal amounts of profanity.

Nevertheless, the Sox are now World Champions, and with that comes the inevitable question of being able to retain their title. They made some nice moves, like dumping slick-fielding, weak-hitting first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz and shortstop Orlando Cabrera and picking up former Cardinals shortstop Edgar Renteria, but their pitching is frightening. And not in a good way.

Curt Schilling's ankle, last seen as a bloody mess in the World Series, is still wonky. Star Pedro Martinez went for the big bucks in New York and sometimes-good-but-usually-bad starter Derek Lowe bailed for the Dodgers, and the team replaced them with an aging David Wells and former Cubs starter Matt Clement, the latter of whom, as Cubs fans know, sits down on the mound and begins bawling like a baby whenever he doesn't like a call. If the pitching holds up, the Sox still have the offense to at least make the playoffs again. But replacing the best pitcher of the 1990s (Martinez) is no easy task.

What are the Cubs smoking? Getting rid of Moises Alou

and Sammy Sosa and replacing them with Jeromy "I'm Not Good" Burnitz and Todd Hollandsworth, both of whom are approximately as brittle as, well, peanut brittle, really doesn't look too good, does it? And not signing a starter to replace Matt Clement seems like a backfire with the news that both Kerry Wood and Mark Prior are hurt yet again. But the Cubbies still have Greg Maddux. And Carlos Zambrano is a machine. And...well, look on the bright side, Nomar Garciaparra isn't hurt...yet! So if you're a Cubs fan like me, and I know I am, you'll rally with optimism around the team, cheering them on through the early months...and by June, you'll be reaching for the whiskey. Unless they

decide they don't want to collapse until the last week of September and then lose seven of their last nine games and blow the wild card...oh, excuse me. Had a flashback to last season there. My doctor says they'll go away soon.

Will Barry Bonds play this season? The embattled Giants left fielder recently held a press conference in which he claimed to be worn down from the steroid controversy that has dogged him for over a year and said he may not return to play this season, even after he rehabilitates after knee surgery. But Barry will play. He's only 52 home runs away from the all-time career record, a record that he desperately covets. There are only a few constants in life: death, taxes, Vanilla Coke, and Barry Bonds's ego. Mark my words.

Are teams like Pittsburgh, Kansas City and Colorado still going to be really, really bad? Yes. Name three of their starting position players. I dare you.

Does Chip Caray still really, really suck? Yes. And he's calling Braves games for TBS this year. You may fire when ready.

See you on Opening Day.

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## Spring Formal We gotta get you ready for the ball...

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What should I wear? How should I do my hair? Who am I going to go with? How am I going to get there? These are just some of the many questions people are asking at the very quickly approaching Spring Formal, which will be tomorrow, April 2.

The CREATE team had to come up with a theme that was within its budget and could hopefully use old decorations from past events. Since oriental is coming back into popularity CREATE decided to use this theme. This way they are up with the times and also have the clever little pun of going east, since the dance will be held at the Silver Eagle in East

Dubuque again this year.

There have been rumors going around that Clarke has a hard time finding places to hold dances because no one wants us to return due to past experiences. This is not true; what it comes down to is what is going on that weekend in Dubuque and what will fit the college's regulations. For homecoming it was either hold the dance at the fair grounds or cancel the dance all together. Everything for that weekend was booked and the fair grounds was the only place open.

Even if the space is open, the bar must be in a separate room for the college to okay the location. They did find a place, though, this year that is

open and that meets regulations. So, there will be a cash bar in a separate room to ensure there is no under aged drinking going on at the dance.

"We want be to be responsible and have a good time," said CREATE president Julie Bahl.

To keep people from having to drive and figure out where they are going there will be two trolleys running to the Silver Eagle and back. The trolleys will run to the Silver Eagle every half hour starting at 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The last trolley going back to Clarke will be at 1:30 a.m.

"We want everyone to come out and have a good time," said Bahl.



A participant in the Clarke computer science department Robotics Contest earlier this semester works on his entry. Teams consisting of two high school students controlled robots they built and programmed through a variety of competitive tasks. Assistant Professor of Computer Science George Towfic and Clarke computer science students work with high school students to create and program the robots.

### What's your Clarke horoscope?

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arts etc. editor

**ARIES (3/21-4/19)** — You know you are so darned cute, you can hardly believe yourself. So imagine how lucky your dance partner will feel this weekend. With the stars aligned for a love match, catch the trolley for a guaranteed good time.

**TAURUS (4/20-5/20)** — About that big purchase you've been considering: What's the holdup? If financial troubles are holding you back, get creative with your money. Let's face it, you are a clever person; you can work it out. If all else fails, people have been known to throw money into the fountain in the Atrium...just a hint!

**GEMINI (5/21-6/21)** — It's going to be a romantic week; make the most of it. Find someone who's charming, witty and has an **AMAZING** tushie and profess your undying love for them over the loudspeaker in the SAC. They will definitely respond...possibly with a restraining order, but no worries...

**CANCER (6/22-7/22)** — Others are a bit more reckless and eager to take chances than you, especially when it comes to streaking across campus. But, one person in particular could talk you into it, just make sure his name isn't Jack, Jose or The Captain.

**LEO (7/23-8/22)** — It's time to glam it up a tad; wax that atrocious uni-brow or dye those skunky roots. Make sure you throw away those ugly hiking boots and sweats and wiggle into something that's far more flattering. Oh, admit it. You're actually looking forward to it. Work it!

**Virgo (8/23-9/22)** — Does today seem like an instant replay of yesterday? It might feel like it—but don't worry, that is how most college kids feel. Mix up the monotony of your day: while waiting for your order to be called, have a random dance party in the SAC. Or if that's a little too much for you, attend a random class; it will throw a curve ball to all.

**LIBRA (9/23-10/22)** — If anyone knows how to have fun, it's you, you crazy animal. Today you'll be having some extra fun—thanks to a little hint from the horoscope goddess herself. Hide in the random fake trees in the Caf (that's what they're there for) and jump out and scare someone who is carrying a full tray. You will be a delight for all!

**SCORPIO (10/23-11/21)** — You thought you'd wake up this morning and be all over that lazy, stupid ex-love of yours? Well, you aren't. Too bad. Don't feel bad for yourself, we've all been there and don't care all that much. Sorry, the truth hurts, so does love. That's why the stars are telling you to give up on relationships and join a convent or seminary!

**SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21)** — It's almost the weekend, and not a moment too soon. Make it memorable; the school year's almost over! Your best bet is to dress up in full '80s get up and head out to the bars; it is a guaranteed experience that you will never forget and I'm sure you will get a few free drinks out of it.

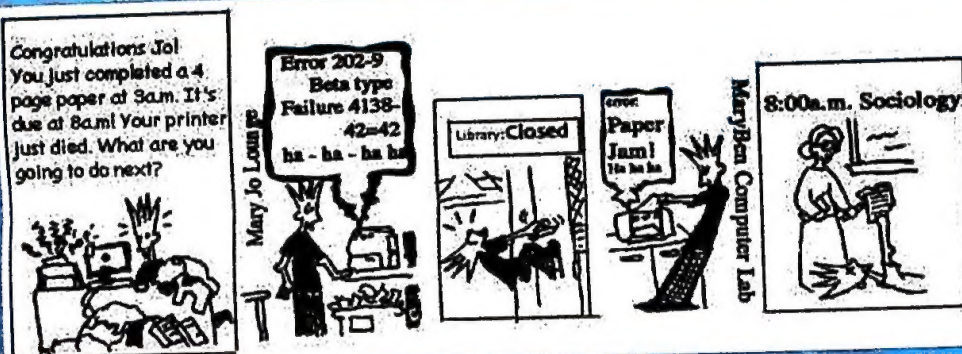
**CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19)** — Family members have been evasive lately—they are relishing their last days of peace before you get home. Even up the playing field: Start mentally preparing yourself for your summer at home. Have a roommate yell at you for breaking your ridiculously early curfew, or prepare somewhat believable reasons for not coming home at all.

**AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18)** — Enough with the duty and responsibility. Call a "Vaca-Friday" and skip class. Have some fun, catch some rays on the front lawn and make sure to hit up the hot fudge in the Caf. Just make sure to avoid all of your teachers; they don't always understand the need for a "Vaca-Friday!"

**PISCES (2/19-3/20)** — You were planning on having the kind of weekend you'd remember for a good, long time, right? Well forget it, it's going to be a great weekend, but this goddess can't guarantee you will remember it. That is why disposable cameras and video cameras are in your near future. Say cheese!

## BEN, JO AND FRAN

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### New Sport on Campus

## Clarke to have a track team and coach

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Starting next season, a new sport will be available to students at Clarke. The college is adding a track team next year that will change the face of Clarke.

It will also bring a new face to the campus: Clarke has recently hired a new head track coach with the experience and desire to turn the track club into a competitive team.

Michael Warta, assistant track coach at Lynchburg College in Virginia, will be the new men's and women's head track and field coach. Warta brings track experience from both the coaching side and the athlete side.

Warta was a four-time All-American during his time at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point from 1994-97.

"Warta was one of the three finalists of 65 applicants and we believe he is the best person for the job," said Curt Long, Clarke athletic director.

The track athletes, who are now part of a club rather than a team, are excited about the new program and coach.

"Clarke will definitely benefit from Michael Warta's arrival because of his winning attitude and desire for the sport," said junior Julie Bahl, who was on the search committee

"Track can help other sports, so everyone is positive about it."

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for the new coach.

With the addition of the new track team, some people might ask the question does that mean Clarke might build a track?

"There were plans that showed a track around the soccer field before the Student Activities Center was built," said Long. "It would require a lot of work, but a new track would benefit the program."

In the meantime Clarke intends to share the area high school facilities. Hempstead and Senior have new tracks and Senior is close to the campus.

"As track becomes successful, the college will need to look at building or upgrading facilities," said Long.

Long said other Clarke athletic programs are excited about the new track team and head coach. "Track can help other sports so everyone is positive about it," he said.

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